

The Cold War

Homework Packet – Ms. Vanderpool

U.S. History & Government



**AMERICA
AND THE
COLD WAR**

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Vocabulary

satellite state	
iron curtain	
Truman Doctrine	
containment	
Marshall Plan	
Berlin airlift	
NATO	
Warsaw Pact	

Main Ideas

1. How did the goals of the U.S. and Soviet foreign policy differ after World War II?

United States goals	Soviet goals

2. What events caused President Truman to propose what became known as the *Truman Doctrine*?

3. Look at the map on page 849. Why did the Soviet Union support the creation of communist states in Eastern Europe?

4. Why did George Kennan think that containment would work against Soviet expansion?

5. How did the United States and its allies apply the containment policy in Europe?
6. How did U.S. foreign policy after World War II differ from U.S. foreign policy after World War I?

Chapter 25, Section 3 p. 860-865

The Cold War Expands

Vocabulary

arms race	
mutually assured destruction	
brinkmanship	
Nikita Khrushchev	

Main Ideas

1. Why did the United States government decide to build a hydrogen bomb?
2. How did military technology indirectly affect the way of life in American homes?
3. How was Eisenhower's approach to foreign affairs different from that of Truman?
4. How did the Hungarian and Suez crises of 1956 raise Cold War tensions?

5. Were Americans justified in being alarmed when the Soviets launched *Sputnik 1*? Explain.

Chapter 25, Section 4 p. 868-875

The Cold War at Home

Vocabulary

Red Scare	
HUAC	
Hollywood Ten	
blacklist	
McCarthyism	

Main Ideas

1. What steps did Truman and Congress take to investigate communist influence in the United States?
2. Do you think the culture of the 1950s made Americans feel safe? Explain.
3. Why did the Rosenberg case attract nationwide attention and controversy?
4. What events led to Senator McCarthy being censured by the U.S. Senate?

Vocabulary

Fidel Castro	
Peace Corps	
Alliance for Progress	
Bay of Pigs Invasion	
Cuban missile crisis	
Nuclear Test Ban Treaty	
Berlin Wall	

Main Ideas:

1. How did the television debates affect the 1960 presidential election?
2. What strategies did Kennedy use to improve relations between the United States and developing countries?
3. How could the Peace Corps help America win the Cold War?
4. Why was the United States concerned about the missiles sites in Cuba?
5. How did the Cuban missile crisis affect public opinion about President Kennedy?

6. How did the meeting in Vienna affect relations between Kennedy and Khrushchev?

Chapter 29, Section 1 p. 980-984

Origins of the Vietnam War

Vocabulary

Ho Chi Minh	
domino theory	
Vietcong	
Gulf of Tonkin Resolution	

Main Ideas

1. Why did Presidents Truman and Eisenhower support French efforts against Ho Chi Minh?
2. How did the United States help the South Vietnamese government resist communism?
3. What was the significance of the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution?

Vocabulary

napalm	
hawk	
dove	

Main Ideas

1. Study the map on page 987. Through what countries did the Vietcong travel as they moved supplies from North Vietnam to South Vietnam?
2. What was the strategic aim of *Operation Rolling Thunder*?
3. Study the infographic on pages 988 and 989. How did images such as these, shown on television news shows, affect the home front?
4. What difficulties did American soldiers face in Vietnam? What effect did these difficulties have?
5. Why did the morale of American troops decline as the war continued?

6. How did the disagreements between hawks and doves reflect different views about war and world politics?

Chapter 29, Section 4 p. 1000-1007

The War's End and Impact

Vocabulary

Vietnamization	
My Lai	
Pentagon Papers	
War Powers Act	

Main Ideas:

1. How did Vietnamization differ from the war policies of Nixon's predecessors?
2. What happened at Kent State and Jackson State universities in 1970?
3. Look at the photograph on page 1002. How do you think people reacted to seeing this photograph in the newspaper?
4. What did the signing parties agree to in the Paris Peace Accords?
5. What did the War Powers Act do?
6. Which two effects of the Vietnam War do you think had the biggest long-term impact? Explain.

Vocabulary

Henry Kissinger	
realpolitik	
Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty	
détente	

Main Ideas:

1. How did Nixon and Kissinger reshape America's approach to foreign affairs?
2. Why did Nixon reach out to China?
3. How did SALT I support Nixon's new policy for dealing with the Soviet Union?

